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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Richard M. Rodney, USA
Chairman, Interagency Steering Group
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Interagency Reassessment of the Personnel Strength of Soviet Armed Forces

1. All of the people working on the reassessment of the personnel strength of the Soviet armed forces are to be congratulated for developing an agreed estimate in the short time which was available before the [redacted] 25X1

2. The participants in the exercise are to be particularly commended for establishing an analytical framework which reflects the Soviet organizational structure. This will minimize the chances of making serious omissions or double counting in estimating Soviet military manpower, and at the same time maximize the utilization of new intelligence on specific units and organizations as it becomes available.

3. I concur in the recommendation that the Steering Group be redesignated as an Interagency Soviet Military Manpower Review Board under DIA chairmanship. I look forward to continued close cooperation by the participating agencies in research and analysis on an intelligence topic that can contribute importantly to understanding the Soviet military threat.

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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DIA review(s) completed.

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